

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is there not a department to look after labour?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is the Protector of Depressed Classes looking after labour?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I don't think he is very much concerned with it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is not the Labour Inspector doing anything connected with this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know the reasons?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has some other work to do.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What other kind of work?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He is more concerned with giving certain instructions to the depressed classes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Why is he then called Labour Inspector?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He might have been called by some other name as well.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it a misnomer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a misnomer.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—So there is no meaning in attaching names?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It also denotes the meaning.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is he not looking after the labour conditions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have answered the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to order him to look after such matters also connected with labour hereafter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It will depend upon the work that he has to do. Suggestions will be taken notice of.

Electrification scheme.

4. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 466 of the last sitting regarding purposes of the new electrification scheme, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the particulars of the State Enterprises in which they will utilise the power and whether the problem of transforming our agriculture into a machine industry can be augmented by the project;

(b) the particulars of model concerns in which they will apply the power;

(c) the prospects of village electrification here on the laudable lines of our sister State of Mysore ;

(d) the price at which they hope to supply the electricity to those who would be requiring it ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a), (b) and (c). Details regarding the utilisation of power on Industrial and Agricultural enterprises, etc., are only under consideration.

(d) The tariff is under preparation.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—By what time the Government hope to enlighten us on the points raised herein?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—By the time that we enter into the agreement with the Madras Government regarding the Pycara scheme.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What time will it take, approximately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say.

Penalty from defaulting ryots.

5. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 549, regarding Penalty realised from defaulting ryots, will the Government be pleased to state by how much the item has exceeded their budget estimation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The collection has exceeded the budget estimation by Rs. 1,086-10-0.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what was the budget estimation?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does not this show the hard times our ryots have fallen into?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—It is a matter of inference which every Hon'ble Member is entitled to make.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to know the inference drawn by the Government. Does not this show the hard times our ryots have fallen into?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Not necessarily.

General economic policy.

6. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the main aspects of their general economic policy?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pal.—The adoption of a definite economic policy presupposes the possession of sufficient data regarding the economic condition and needs of the State to warrant State action. So far, Government have from time to time offered occasional help to industries both cottage and